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An uplifting
monthly election
of life, style and
happenings.



From our snug [wool feature](#) to some recipes from Philippa Cameron's *Winter Warmers*, and Verve's charitable sweater drive, the July issue is the cosiest ever! You can also take a trip down [Mount Eden's](#) memory lane.

Barn Chic

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Situated on South Africa's untamed west coast, a house combining authentic vintage details with contemporary comfort and relaxed ease.





The north-facing front of the house opens up to the exterior deck via a trio of double-height steel and glass doors, each topped with a classic old wooden lintel.

The barn-style open ceiling, complete with thick wooden trusses, combines the rustic with the contemporary in the form of the lighting design, which consists of

multiple old-school filament bulbs strung from and around the roof beams at a variety of different heights and positions.

Grouped around the open fireplace is a sofa covered in a white linen slipcover and two ultra-comfortable leather armchairs.



The wide deck at the front of the house is accessed from the interior via a trio of double-height, steel-framed glass doors.









The living, dining and kitchen areas are all contained within one large open-plan space, which has been finished with hand-worked bricks, classic wooden lintels and doors, and a barn-like open ceiling.

A vintage, extra-long dining table is a key furniture piece within this space, and is surrounded by a varied mix of old wooden chairs in classic designs, which were sourced from various flea markets and secondhand stores.

The door on the pictured above leads to a scullery and pantry tucked into the space behind it.



The bedrooms are both spacious and tranquil, and are simply but cosily furnished with king-size beds.

Each feature a wide window that frames beautiful views of the surrounding landscape.

Each of the two bedrooms' en suites feature a deep window seat opposite the bed, which frames the views of the surrounding landscape.







Vintage natural wood elements such as the storage cabinet and bench, seen here left, add warmth and a weathered patina to the bathrooms.

Light and bright, the bathrooms feature simple recessed shelving and matt black mixer taps, hand showers and shower roses.



The bedroom windows, which from the inside frame the views via the concrete window seats, have an exterior reflective coating that keeps the interiors discreetly private - and, when one is making use of the deck, reflects back and enhances the varied vistas of the surrounding landscape and beyond that, the Atlantic Ocean.

No matter the season, this is a home in which to disconnect from the bustle of modern life and reconnect with the natural world - a sanctuary in which to unwind in complete, cocoon-like peace.
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